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# Subpart 3590—Solid Minerals (Other Than Coal) Exploration and Mining Operations—General

#### § 3590.0-1 Purpose.

The purpose of the regulations in this part is to promote orderly and efficient prospecting, exploration, testing, development, mining and processing operations and production practices without waste or avoidable loss of minerals or damage to deposits; to encourage maximum recovery and use of all known mineral resources; to promote operating practices which will avoid, minimize or correct damage to the environment-land, water and air-and avoid, minimize or correct hazards to public health and safety; and to obtain a proper record and accounting of all minerals produced.

# § 3590.0-2 Policy.

The regulations in this part are administered under the direction of the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

# § 3590.0-3 Authority.

Authority for carrying out the regulations in this part is set out in §3500.0-3 of this title, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 3590.0-5 Definitions.

As used in this part, the term:

(a) Established requirements means applicable law and regulations, lease, license or permit terms, conditions and special stipulations; approved mine or exploration plan requirements; and orders issued by the authorized officer.

(b) General mining order means a formal numbered order issued in a rule-making procedure by the Department of the Interior which implements the